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SUBJECT: CHILEAN-PERUVIAN RELATIONS

REF: SANTIAGO 3351 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER DROVE FROM RICA ON PERUVIAN BORDER TO SANTIAGO MAY 15-24, MAKING CALLS ON OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE PERSONS. IN CONTRAST TO SIMILAR TRIP IN JULY 1974, OFFICER WAS STRUCK BY RELATIVE LACK OF CONCERN OVER PRESUMED PERUVIAN THREAT SHOWN BY NUMBER OF ARMY OFFICERS OCCUPYING DUAL COMMAND AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. ONLY IN MINOR CITY OF COPIAPO, FAR SOUTH OF BORDER, WAS THERE ENCOUNTERED KIND OF VISCERAL ARGUMENT ABOUT PERUVIAN DANGER AND SOVIET DESIGNS THAT WAS COMMON EARLIER; OFFICER INVOLVED TURNED OUT TO BE UNTYPICAL IN OTHER RESPECTS. OTHER OFFICERS WERE CONCERNED IN LOW KEY WAY, BUT MUCH MORE WORRIED ABOUT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS. AIRGRAM WILL GIVE DETAILS.

2. DESPITE THIS CHANGE OF ATMOSPHERE IN NORTHERN CHILE, BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES UNCOMFORTABLE, AS SHOWN BY TWO ITEMS IN SANTIAGO'S "LA TERCERA" OF MAY 30. ONE REPORTED FROM ARICA THAT COMBINED AIR AND GROUND MANEUVERS WERE SUPPOSEDLY BEING HELD IN SOUTHERN PERU, NORTH OF TACNA.

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OTHER WAS STILL ANOTHER COMMUNIQUE FROM PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN

SANTIAGO (REFTEL), REPORTING (A) INAUGURATION OF FISHING COMPLEX IN PORT OF PAITA, "WHICH DEFINITELY DISPROVES MALICIOUS RUMORS CIRCULATING IN PAST MONTHS ABOUT CONVERSION OF PAITA INTO BASE FOR SOVIET MISSILES AND NUCLEAR SUBMARINES," AND (B) THAT WORLD BANK HAD CONFIRMED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR "CONCESSION OF LOANS FOR APPROXIMATELY \$3.5 BILLION." TO PERU.

3. COMMENT: CHILEAN MEDIA HAVE NOT YET CORRECTED ERRONEOUS REPORTS WHICH TRANSFORMED MOST RECENT MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR PERU INTO WORLD BANK LOAN COMMITMENT TO PERU OF \$3.5 BILLION. PERUVIAN EMBASSY STATEMENT, FAR FROM CORRECTING RECORD, WILL COMPOUND CONFUSION. WE GAVE FACTS TO FONMIN SOME TIME AGO AND CONTINUE TO ANSWER QUERIES FACTUALLY.
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